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## Presidential search put on hold

By JOHN WATSON

The search for a new University of Nebraska president has been temporarily postponed.

A study on higher education in Nebraska has prompted the delay, according to a statement released Friday by the NU Board of Regents.

The study, conducted by Widmayer and Associates of Chicago, recommends major changes in the university system. The study is part of Legislative Bill 247, which calls for a comprehensive review of Nebraska's post-secondary educational system.

"The recommendations submitted by Widmayer and Associates, which have now been endorsed by the LB 247 Committee, are extensive and significant," said Don Blank, chairman of the regents' Internal Governance Subcommittee. "The Board of Regents, the Legislature and all citizens of Nebraska will need time to study and analyze the recommendations."

If implemented, Blank said the recommendations could change the nature of the NU president's position.

"We need to wait and see what the responses are to the recommendations and what action the Legislature decides to take," Blank said. "These factors will give us some direction."

The consulting team's recommendations are based on discussions with more than 1,000 Nebraskans during the last three months.

The team conducted a public hearing at UNO Sept. 15.

Patricia Widmayer, president of Widmayer and Associates, heads the consulting team conducting the study. The firm's final report should be completed by December, 1990.

In the interim report released Wednesday, the consulting team said it disagrees with some administrative leaders who argued the present system works well, and only "fine tuning" is required, they added "fine tuning" will not address current problems.

According to the report, those problems include: inadequate planning, a flawed system of college-credit transfers, unwarranted program duplication, great unevenness in educational opportunity and frustration over turf wars in the face of a blurred role and mission.

"We've heard concerns about access, quality, role and mission, coordination, governance, planning, telecommunications and accountability regarding the university system," the team members said. "These big words, worn thin by casual use, became fresh, urgent and critically important as we listened to hundreds of Nebraskans speak from their hearts — and pocketbooks."

In the report, the consulting team recommended the follow-

## Roskens recounts nightmare for Rotary

By ERIC STOKES

University of Nebraska President Emeritus Ronald Roskens had a dream he died.

"And being a university president, it wasn't totally unexpected that I ended up in hell," Roskens said.

As his dream unfolded, he said everything became quite clear.

"I was greeted by the devil himself who said that in another day or two he would have an assignment for me. And sure enough, as I remember this so vividly, he called me in and said, 'I have your assignment. You will for all eternity be president of Hell University.'"

"And I said with a smile, 'That's great. I'm really experienced at that. I'm so glad you gave me something that I can do. I know that field very well.'"

"But the devil said, 'Wait a minute, you don't understand. At Hell University we have two Boards of Regents.'"

Roskens reflected on his dream Friday at the West Omaha Rotary Club meeting where the president emeritus served as guest speaker.

On July 31, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents voted to remove Roskens from office, ending his 12-year tenure as university president. Although the regents and Roskens have declined to identify the reason for the president's dismissal, many members of the university community have said his relationship with the regents may

have been the cause.

At the meeting, Roskens told rotary club members he now faces new challenges.

President Bush has nominated Roskens to be the new director of the U.S. Agency for International Development. The agency works with under-developed countries attempting to bolster their sagging economies.

Roskens' official appointment awaits a security check and Senate approval.

"The confirmation process includes first the background checking by the FBI and other security operations, and that is now underway," Roskens said after the meeting. "People in Washington say it would be reasonable to suspect the background check would be completed by the time Congress is back in session Jan. 23."

If it is completed by that time, Roskens said the President would submit his nomination officially to Congress.

Following Senate approval, he said he could take office by mid-February or early March.

However, Roskens declined to comment on any plans he may have for the office, if appointed.

"I am avoiding by design any suggestion that I know what ought to be done or that I am prepared at this point to say what I want to do," he said. "After the confirmation process, when I get passed, then I will address that."

ing:

● Each of the three University of Nebraska campuses and the four state colleges be governed by its own lay board of trustees. Each board would be composed of seven members appointed by the governor and one student member designated by each campus' student government.

● The creation of a new Board of Regents with limited authority over each of the seven campuses' operations, but with authority to coordinate such areas as course offerings and academic programs. The new board would be composed of six elected members, two from each congressional district, and five members appointed by the governor.

● The current system of governing the technical and community colleges would be continued.

● The creation of a Council on Coordination to advise the governor and the Legislature on the overall needs of higher

education in Nebraska.

The report said the state would be served better by its institutions if they are governed locally and coordinated centrally.

"Multi-campus systems do not work nearly as well as they purport to, or as in theory, they should," the study team said. "At this point, Nebraskans need to consider very carefully whether they wish to move down the road to centralization of power."

While the Legislature and the Board of Regents study the report, Blank said he will recommend the current administrative structure of the NU system, with Martin Massengale serving as interim president, continue.

"Since we may be in an interim situation for a few more months than we had anticipated, the board will discuss any other changes that may need to be considered," Blank said.

## Reynolds re-elected speaker; new student senators selected

By PATRICK RUNGE

Out with the old and in with the old was the rule for the day at the Nov. 30 Student Senate meeting.

Teresa Houser, Student Government's resigning chief administrative officer (CAO), bid an emotional farewell to the senate at the meeting.

"The past year has been challenging, rewarding and a wonderful experience," Houser said. Her resignation took effect Dec. 1.

"I wish you all the best and thank you for all your help," Houser told the senators. "I'd like to extend the very best of wishes and a bright future to each of you."

After her farewell, the senate gave Houser a standing ovation. Later, a resolution stating the senate's appreciation of Houser's service was unanimously passed.

In other senate business, the senators re-elected Mary Reynolds as speaker of the senate. Reynolds served as speaker during the 1988-89 Student Senate session.

Three candidates, Charles Amoura, Mike McLaurin and Reynolds, were nominated for the post at the Nov. 9 senate meeting. Amoura, however, had withdrawn his name from consideration.

"There is a problem with the Student Senate," McLaurin told the senate before the

speaker vote. "That problem is legitimacy."

According to McLaurin, the senate cannot establish student support due to its lack of legitimacy. He said the only way to regain that legitimacy is to improve communication with the student body.

"We need to establish direct communication by having 'town hall' meetings, and better utilizing the *Forum* (Student Government's newsletter)," McLaurin said.

According to McLaurin, by improving communication, the senators could gain a better understanding of their constituents' needs.

"My goal is to create a strong, unified and credible Student Senate," McLaurin said. "I have the vision, the direction and the desire to attain the common goal of legitimacy."

However, Reynolds said it is not the speaker's role to impose his or her goals on the senate.

"Instead, it is the speaker's job to help the senate fulfill the goals that they come up with as a group," she said.

"I will always be fair," Reynolds added. "I care about the students of UNO and I believe in Student Government."

Michael McKenna, Ronald Krueger, Mark Davis and Danielle Jensen were appointed

Student  
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## Houser appointed to Governor's youth council

Teresa Houser, Student Government's former chief administrative officer, has been appointed to the Governor's Youth Advisory Council.

"It is made up of 21 members ranging in age from 13 to 21," Houser said. "We came from all over the state to try and give our input as to what we think are the crisis issues facing Nebraska's youth, and what we think some avenues to look for solutions might be."

She said the council's first meeting, Nov. 11, produced a number of positive results.

"It went fantastic," Houser said. "We had a brain-storming session in which we came up with 40 to 50 problem areas. Then we took a vote and narrowed them down to drugs, education and family."

Houser said Gov. Kay Orr took personal interest in the council's actions.

"I think if it's a feasible recommendation, Gov. Orr would do her best to see it enacted into legislation,"



UNO student Teresa Houser with Gov. Kay Orr at the first meeting of the Governor's Youth Advisory Council.

Houser said.

Houser added she hopes she will be able to receive input from others to take to council meetings.

"I'm hopeful that people

will come to me and say, 'Find out what we can do about this, find out what we can do about that,'" Houser said. "Hopefully we can take that to the council."

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# Regents get more than they bargained for

You thought we were crazy, but we were right. The University of Nebraska Board of Regents seems to have bitten off more than it can chew.

In an interim report released last week by the LB 247 Higher Education Committee, an independent consulting firm hired by the Legislature concluded that post-secondary education in Nebraska needs an overhaul.

The research team talked with more than 1,000 Nebraskans in the past three months, Nebraskans who talked, according to the report, "from their hearts — and their pocketbooks."

The report caused Regent Don Blank, the chairman of the regents' Internal Governance Subcommittee, to postpone the initial meeting of the Search Committee and to recommend to the board that they not sign the contract with its presidential search firm.

Citing the need to analyze the latest report, Blank said the nature of the president's position would change.

Nobody seemed to believe us in August when we ranted and raved the regents were dumping Ronald Roskens just to get rid of the NU Central Administration.

"The regents do not need to look for a new president,

because they're going to eliminate central administration," we wrote. Look back in your collection of *Gateways*, Aug. 29, page 4. The *Lincoln Journal* even reprinted the "joke" editorial from those zany in Omaha.

According to the firm's report, the discussions the research team had with the 1,000 Nebraskans must have progressed from roughly September through November.

## Staff EDITORIAL

How could Nebraskans possibly relate higher education to their pocketbooks? What could have possibly occurred before September to cause them to make such a connection?

Call it "regental fallout."

In an attempt to move the biggest obstacle in their path, Ronald Roskens, the regents hit a support beam. And it seems Varner Hall will soon collapse around them.

The average Nebraskan saw Ronald Roskens as a good man, an articulate, yet down-to-earth man, someone you could meet at a poetry reading, a pool game or a tractor pull.

When the Magnificent Seven saw it fit to pull the plug on Roskens' term, they yanked the public's cord. To make it worse, they yanked a couple of hundred thousand, hard-earned dollars from the public, too.

That probably had an effect on the public's answers to the consulting firm's questions. They wanted answers: Why was Ron fired? Why do we have to pay for it?

Meanwhile, Blank and the regents are reassuring themselves with the fact that Martin Massengale will be strong enough to hold up the house of cards.

Unfortunately, they're not building with a full deck. By disposing of Roskens, the regents set the wheels in motion for their own demise.

Among other things, the consulting firm has recommended the present governance system be scrapped, replaced with mini-boards at the university level and a super-board governing all the universities.

Now whose necks are on the block?

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## LETTERS

To the Editor:

The events currently sweeping Eastern Europe reveal many things, inspire numerous comparisons and analogies and invite intriguing analyses. One might draw the generalization that people in power too long lose perspective and fail to be in touch with reality. The Communist parties and their leaders defined themselves as having to play the "leading role," limited political activity to within their defined areas of acceptability and devised and implemented policy in a paternalist manner, knowing full well, of course, what was "best" for the people. The lesson of history is perhaps clear — you cannot fool all the people forever! Could one draw an analogy between the discredited leaders in Eastern Europe and the UNO administration? Do UNO administrators see themselves as having to play the "leading role," do they limit activity to their defined areas of responsibility (bulletin board policy), do they fail to understand the real world around them (banning 19-year-olds from UNO dances), do they patronize students (Fund B review changes of the student fees process)? Will UNO administrators wake up some morning and find the "people" voting no-confidence in their leadership, and if so, will they also be puzzled how that can be hap-



pening when they have devoted so much time and effort to the cause of doing what is best for the faculty and students? After Husak and Honnecker, will Hoover be next? No doubt

readers will find this a far-fetched analogy.

Bernard Kolasa  
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Political Science

## What's a few Uzi rounds between friends?

Well, it finally happened. My esteemed colleague Stacey and I picked the same topic. I hope you'll find my "second opinion" worth reading, because I refuse to start over.

If I was wearing a hat, I'd certainly take it off to MADD, the Mothers Against Drunk Driving. They deserve it.

Their efforts toward reducing the danger from drunken drivers are certainly commendable. But such efforts dim in comparison to their current crusade.

Not since the Lilliputians battled the Blefuscuns over which end to break the egg, or Don Quixote pierced the evil windmill, has any organization pursued such a laudable endeavor.

As much as I hate to admit it, MADD's campaign to protect the sanctity of its own special acronym even rivals my own efforts to save our nation from the commie "computer-screen saver" plot.

I mean, how dare they! A bunch of John Y-comme-latelies have the unmitigated gall to call themselves "Mad Dads" — and all because they don't care much for drugs and drive-by shootings in their neighborhoods.

I mean what have they got to be mad about. What's a little coke and few Uzi rounds between friends? It's just their children — no reason to be "Mad."

Don't they realize the confusion they're caus-

ing?

I wouldn't be at all surprised if the Bloods and the Crips are especially confused between Mad Dads and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Gang members have probably called these guys "mothers" more than once.

All this confusion would go away if Mad Dads would just pick another name. They have so many worthwhile alternatives.

How about "Fuming Fathers?"

## Bill WILSON COLUMNIST

Or "Perturbed Parents?"

Or "Angry Ancestors?"

Or "Piqued Papas?"

The possibilities must be endless.

MADD's resolve in protecting its name sure impresses me. I wish I could have attended the meeting where they decided to sue Mad Dads. Maybe it went something like this:

Mother No. 1: We've got to put these guys in their place.

Mother No. 2: Right on!

Mother No. 3: Excuse me. Are these guys really hurting us? And should we let this take time and money from our campaign against drunk drivers? It

seems to me people might not take us too seriously if we do this.

Mother No. 1: Who let her in here?

Drunken drivers everywhere must be breathing a sigh of relief that MADD's attention is diverted, at least for a time, to obliterating the upstart Mad Dads.

The MADD/Mad Dads confusion is only the tip of the iceberg. For example, what do you think of when you hear the word "CAT?"

Computerized Axial Tomography?

Clear Air Turbulence?

A small furry animal?

The time is ripe for an organization to rise up and end all this confusion. MADD has so inspired me that I have decided to start my own organization — an organization dedicated to eliminating duplicate acronyms and other ambiguities.

My first thought was Men Against Acronym Distortion (MAAD), but I thought better of it. I didn't want to exclude women, and I certainly didn't want to be next on MADD's hit list.

I finally settled on Students Against Acronym Confusion (SAAC). Be sure to watch for meeting announcements in the *Gateway*.

I hope the UNO Staff Advisory Council (SAC) or the U.S. Air Force's Strategic Air Command (SAC) won't decide to sue me. I wonder why they don't sue each other?

## Senate from Page 2

by the senate to fill seats left vacant in the last election.

The senate also appointed:

●Tsuling Toomer to the University Committee on Student Affairs

●Brian Johnson as business manager/treasurer of the Student Programming Organization

●Shannon Atwood, Brian Callaghan, Misty Franklin and Adele Johnson to the Student Activities Budget Commission.

Also at the meeting, Student President/Regent Paula Effle addressed the senate about UNO's new policy prohibiting non-UNO students under 19 years old from attending dances at UNO.

"It is a harsh policy," Effle said, "with a lot of knee jerk and a lot of 'What are we going to do now?'"

Effle stressed the interim status of the policy.

"I've heard rumblings that it goes too far the other way," she said. "It is mainly for the safety of the students and those who visit our campus. I don't think it will stay in forever."

Vice Chancellor Richard Hoover also spoke to the senate about the process the policy is currently going through.

"The plan of action is that there is a small working group of university people that I convened on Tuesday morning after the incident," Hoover said.

"That committee will have the opportunity to review any revisions proposed for what, in effect, is our reservations policy for non-university participants in activities on campus," he said.

According to Hoover, the policy will then be taken to a

community review committee. The committee consists of 13 members representing University Relations, Campus Security, the Student Center, three representatives from the Faculty Senate, the student body, the Chicano Awareness Center, Mad Dads, the youth violence unit of the Omaha Police Dept., Omaha Public Schools, the mayor's office and the public safety director.

"We will have their feedback just before the holidays," Hoover said. "I will take their feedback and try to incorporate that into the revision."

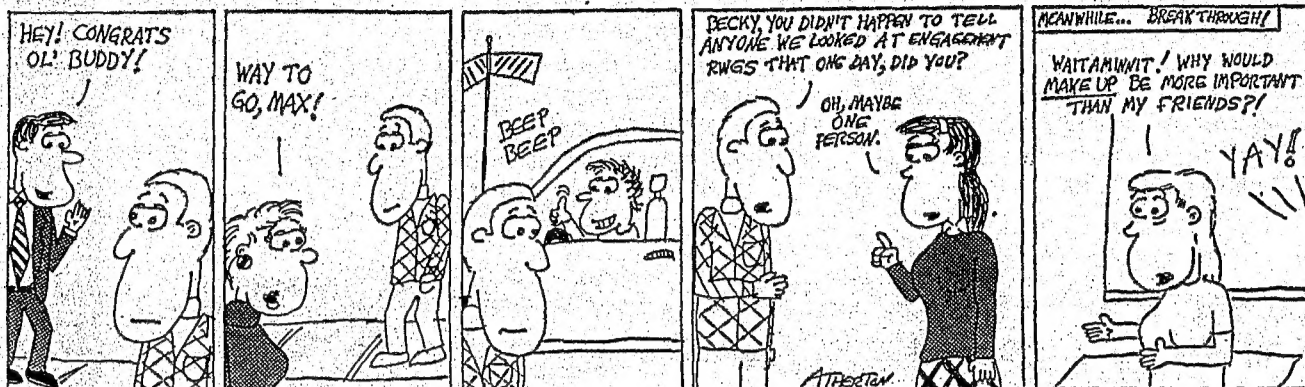
He said the revised policy will then be presented to the Faculty Senate and the Vice Chancellor's Leadership Advisory Council for review. It will then be presented to the University Committee on Student Affairs before being sent to Chancellor Del Weber for approval.

Chris McClenny, director of Student Government's Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR), told the senate about the next Student Organizations Summit, Wednesday, Dec. 6.

McClenny said alternative funding of student organizations, the 6-member rule and new Student Center policies resulting from the shooting incident will be discussed.

## BIG MAX ON CAMPUS

By Bob Atherton



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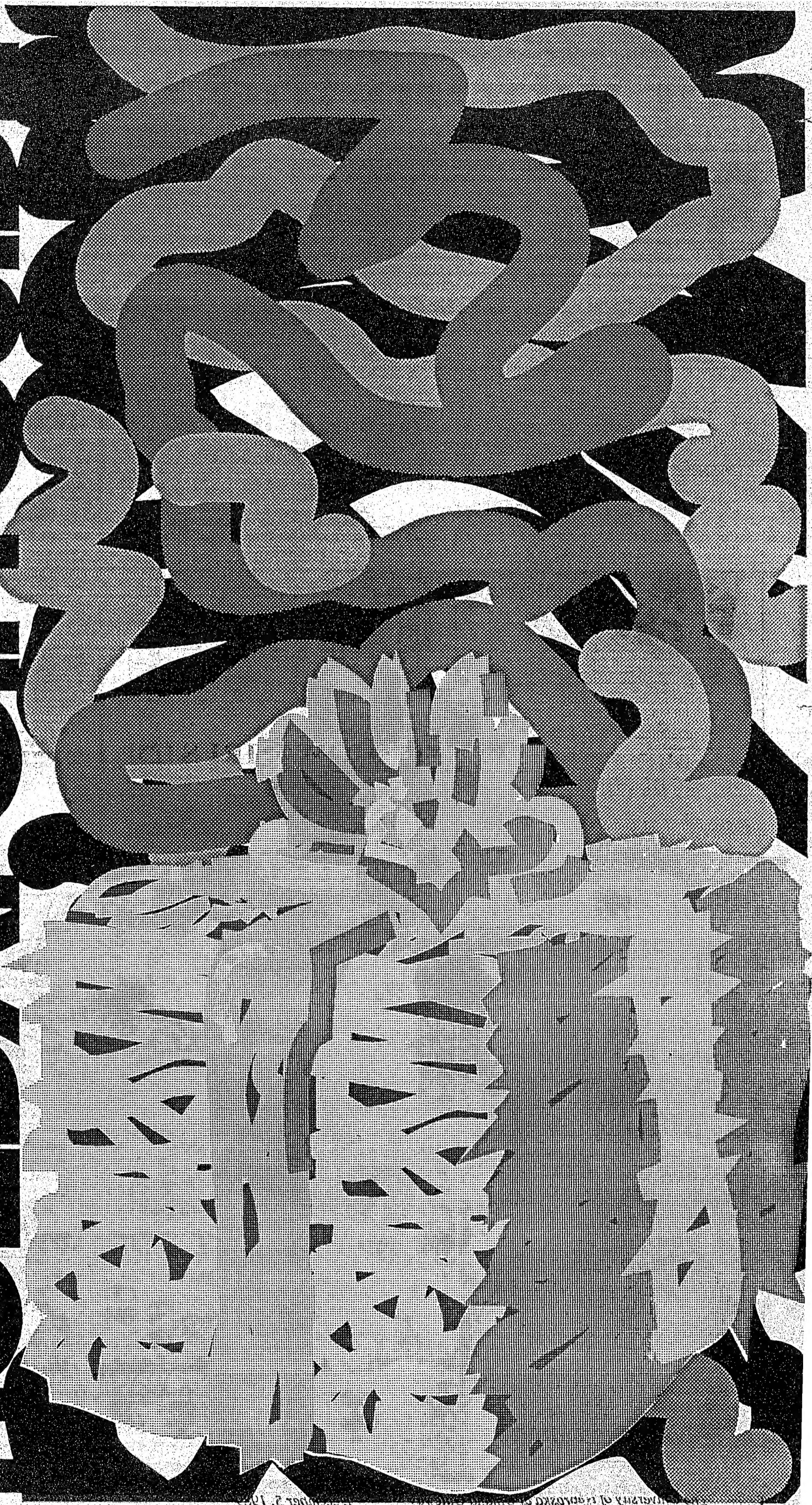
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# THE GREAT WALLS



# Volunteers brave the elements For whom the bells toll?

BY GREG KOZOL

Some people aren't dreaming of a white Christmas.

While visions of sugarplums dance through children's heads, other kids dream of bare necessities, like heat, food and a home.

A Christmas tree, presents and a turkey seems as far away as the North Pole for some people.

That's where Marlys Atkinson and the Salvation Army come in.

Atkinson, a 44-year-old Omaha housewife, stands in front of Baker's supermarket on 50th and Grover streets, clanging her hand bell as customers walk by.

One old lady tosses the remnants of her change into the pot.

"Thank you. Merry Christmas. God bless you," Atkinson tells the lady as she struggles with her grocery sack.

"Some people just love to give," she says. She continues to ring the bell.

Another man exits the store with a six pack, bumping the money pot with his leg.

"Some are rude," Atkinson says as the money pot shakes violently from the jolt. "They don't say anything. They just walk by."

But Atkinson says she still gets a jolt from ringing the bell, or she wouldn't have stood in the cold the past seven holiday seasons.

"I love to meet people and help people out.

There is a great need to help people," she says. "The Salvation Army does a great job of it."

The Salvation Army has accomplished a great deal, according to Dave Tuttle, community center director of the South Corps Salvation Army on 4032 Harrison St.

"I couldn't tell how long it's been around. It's been a long time," Tuttle said.

The money tossed into the pots goes to a variety of causes, Tuttle said.

"It goes mostly for the needy people at Christmas time," he said. "It goes to those that don't have meals. Those that don't have gifts. Those that don't have."

That's a lot of causes. And Tuttle said they require a lot of money.

"We're trying to make \$60,000 this year in

this district alone," he said.

Although the money lags behind schedule, Tuttle said he is confident the pots will be filled.

"Now that we are in December, things will start to pick up," he said.

Come December, the cold winds blow from the north. But Atkinson said she feels proud to brave the cold in front of Baker's.

"It was really bad Saturday. I go inside once in a while," she said. "I try to do the best I can — it's a wonderful cause."

During Christmas season, Tuttle said, everyone's contribution seems good enough.

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## Tree fades from red to white

BY KIM FRYE

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Beardmore Chevrolet, 418 N. Fort Crook Road in Bellevue, has decorated a tree that represents more than holiday cheer, it represents the community involvement for senior citizens.

On each red ornament that adorns the tree is the name of a senior citizen in Bellevue's Hillcrest Care Center.

People are asked to stop by the lobby and remove a red ornament from the tree. The person can then buy or make a gift and place

it under the tree, with the ornament on the top of the package. Each day, the names of the donors are placed on a white ornament and hung on the tree.

As the holiday spirit is shared, the tree will change from red to white.

Herman Lydolph, one of Beardmore's managers, said it is already 50 percent white.

This is the season of giving and helping others, he added, and the tree represents Beardmore's way of helping the Bellevue community.

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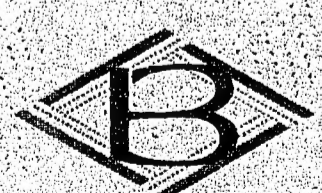
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5 "The Phantom of the Opera...The Play" Orpheum Theater  
5-21 "A Christmas Carol" Omaha Community Playhouse  
5-30 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Emmy Gifford Children's Theater  
5-31 "Steel Magnolias" Firehouse Dinner Theater  
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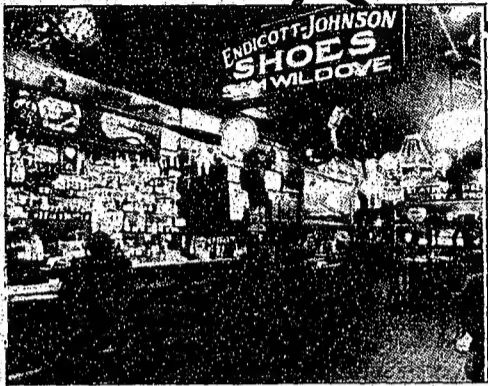
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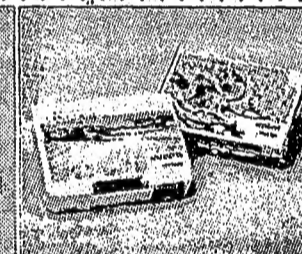
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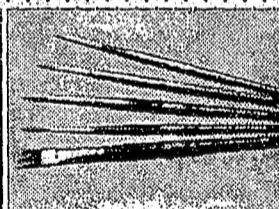
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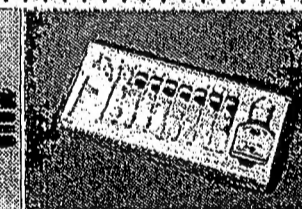
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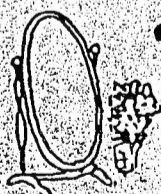
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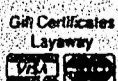


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# Adult toys range from games to underwear



BY JEAN REGAN  
Children aren't the only ones who like to get toys for the holidays.

There are many inexpensive toys that could please any adult on your list, according to Pat McDermott, manager of TOYS 'R US, 115 N. 76th St.

McDermott said board games under \$25 are popular gifts for adults during the holiday season.

"Our best sellers for adults are Adverteasing, Jeopardy, Scattergories and Pictionary," he said.

Jenga is also a big seller, according to McDermott. The object of the game is to remove blocks from a vertical position without having them tumble down.

Another fun board game, he said, is Risk, where each player tries to conquer the world by rolling dice and skillfully attacking his opponents. The player who conquers the world wins.

McDermott said other interesting adult toys are remote control cars, boats and submarines. These toys range in price from \$35 to \$200.

But for adults who like more innovative toys, Brookstone's in One Pacific Place is one place to shop.

"There are many unusual toys to be played with and can decorate the home," said Lisa Worthley, assistant manager of Brookstone's.

According to Worthley, an Iranian board game, UR, is two dice games in one. The dice are in pebble shapes, and the board has eyes in some squares and dice imprints in the others.

Another imported board game is Mankala, an African stone game. This game was played by Africans 3,000 years ago. Players would dig two rows of holes in the ground and one hole on each end.

Stones are moved toward their opponents' side by rolling the dice. The player who has moved all their stones to the other side wins.

But Worthley said this game is not as easy as it sounds. Players cannot see how many stones are in each hole.

"English Skittles, an English bar game, is

also popular," Worthley said. The object of Skittles is to knock down the pyramid of pins in a certain pattern. He added it's a good drinking game for the executive.

Brookstone's also offers gifts under \$25 for stocking stuffers.

According to Worthley, cork screws, metallic flash lights, chamois wipers and golf ball scrapers are all great stocking stuffers.

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# Hark the holiday traditions

BY REGINALD CHAPMAN

**W**hen the holidays are mentioned, people smile.

This spirit awakens every holiday season to good times and close friends. It's a season full of traditions that have stood the test of time.

"Mom always let us open one of our presents on Christmas Eve," said Monique Johnson, a junior marketing information systems major. "Mom said that her mother used to allow her to do the same thing when she was young."

Johnson recalls the days when her family lived in Buffalo, N.Y., and spent Christmas with her entire family.

"Christmas was so different when we lived in Buffalo," Johnson said. "Everyone just seemed to be having such a good time enjoying each other's stories."

Johnson said it's her family tradition to put up the artificial tree that is stored in the basement until Christmas.

"It's not the tree and the decorations that matter to my family and I," Johnson said. "It's more traditional for us to just be together and share the gift that God has given us, each other."

Traditions differ from family to family.

For some, Christmas is spent with the nuclear family.

"Christmas has always been a special time for our family," said John Clayton, a senior marketing major. "Christmas time is traditionally spent at home with my parents and two brothers."

Clayton said he always looks forward to his family tradition of a white-flock Christmas tree and exchanging gifts on Christmas Eve.

"Everyone would exchange gifts on Christmas Eve, but because Santa's gifts didn't arrive until morning, we waited for dawn to open the rest."

Many Americans have celebrated Christmas the same way for generations. But for some families, tradition means never knowing what to expect next.

"Our family has always been spontaneous at this time of the year," said Leslie Green, a sophomore physical education major. "Our family has no traditional roof under which we eat, we relocate dinner yearly from one relative's house to the other."

Just like most families, Green said his family tears into the presents under the tree on Christmas morning.

"Christmas morning is the highlight of the holiday festivities," Green said. "Everyone rips open their gifts enthusiastically, leaving only many thanks and hugs to be given."

Green's family traditionally incorporates friends of the family into their holiday scene.

"Every year our friends join our family at Christmas," Green said. "Our holiday would not be the same without friends to share in the holiday spirit."

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# SPORTS

## Mav subs sink opponents

By GREG KOZOL

After watching the performance of his bench this weekend, UNO men's basketball coach Bob Hanson might prefer not starting anyone.

Freshman guard Terry Henderson came off the bench and scored 23 points Friday night as the Mavs stopped Dakota Wesleyan 82-76 in the UNO Fieldhouse.

On Saturday night, sophomore guard Trent Neal sat out the first six minutes, but led the Mavs with 21 points in UNO's 78-75 win at Kearney State.

Besides improving UNO's record to 4-0, Hanson said the two wins showed the Mavs' depth.

"I thought the thing that was pretty important was that guys come off the bench and play really well," Hanson said.

Against Dakota Wesleyan, Henderson, a 26-year-old Air Force veteran, hit 10 of 13 from the field and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

Henderson helped ice the win with 1:35 remaining in the game.

UNO led by one when the 6-foot-1 guard drove the lane, hit a layup, and drew the foul. His free throw put UNO ahead by four, and Dakota Wesleyan never came closer.

Hanson hopes the performance ends Henderson's early season struggles.

"He hasn't just hasn't found the tempo yet and the things we need to do," Hanson said.

But Henderson's ability seems apparent, Hanson said.

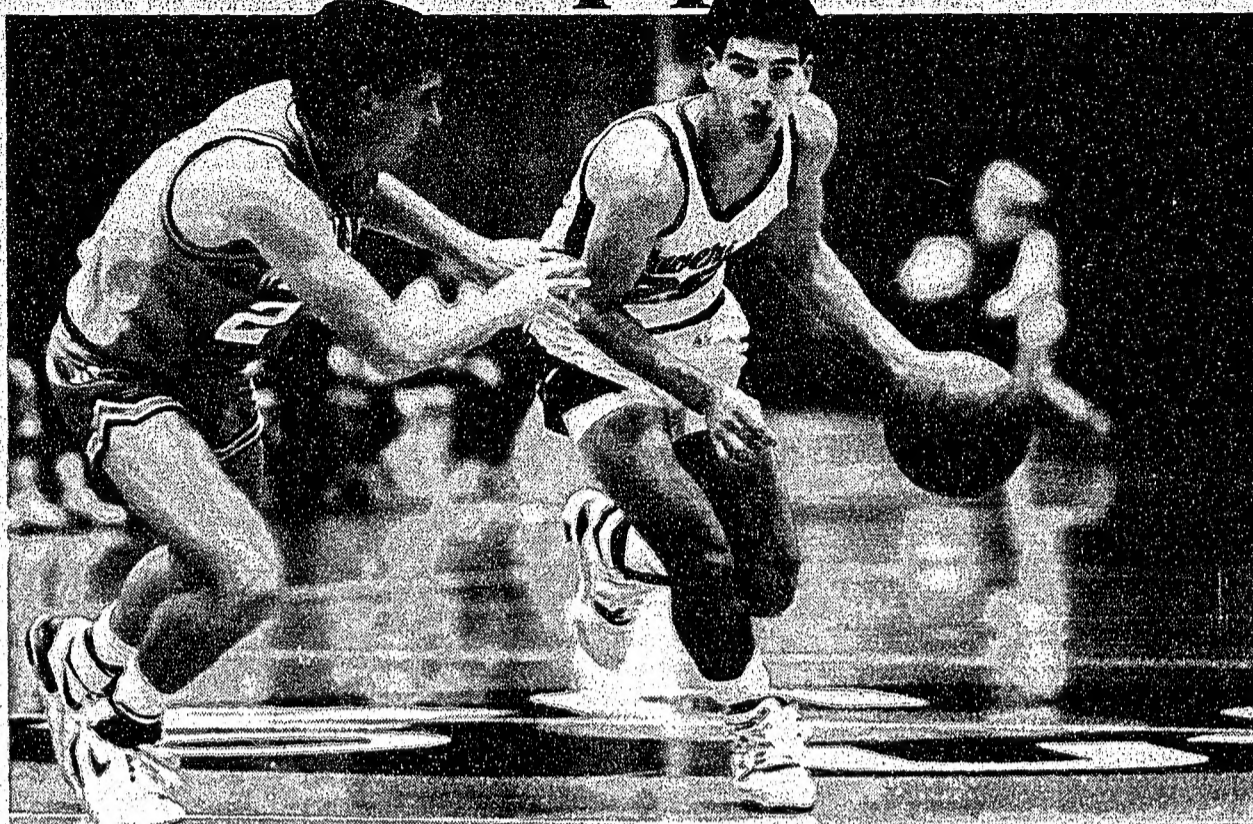
"He plays with enthusiasm. He can rebound. He can shoot. He can take it to the hole," the coach added.

Henderson credited the increased playing time to his improvement.

"He (Hanson) really let me get into the offense. I felt that really helped my game. I figured I had to rise to the occasion," Henderson said.

Neal collected 17 points, and sophomore center Phil Cartwright added 10 in the win.

Neal, a scheduled starter, added to UNO's bench strength against Kearney State.



—Dave Weaver

Mav guard Thad Mott (right), drives past a Dakota Wesleyan foe during UNO's 82-76 victory Friday night.

The 23-year-old Army veteran missed UNO's pregame breakfast, and started the game on the bench.

After six minutes, Neal returned to power a 24-8 run that gave UNO an early lead.

"He hit a couple of outside shots," Hanson said. "He played with more intensity."

The 5-foot-11 point guard finished with 21 points, and also contributed on defense.

"I was really impressed with his defense," Hanson said.

UNO received a boost from two other reserves.

Henderson scored 14, and junior center Troy Deane added

12.

"Troy Deane did a great job off the bench," Hanson said.

UNO's only senior, forward Dan Olson, chipped in 17 points.

"He's probably our most consistent player," Hanson said. "He's been here the longest."

Although the Mavs have been challenged early in the season, Hanson remains pleased with the 4-0 start.

"I like to win by big margins, but I think we have something to gain playing close games," Hanson said. "We keep improving."

## UNO dissects Wayne, gives Quincy autopsy

By KAREN SEILER

The Lady Mav basketball team came away this weekend with wins against Wayne State College, 73-67 and Quincy College, 71-64.

The weekend sweep improves UNO's season mark to 4-2.

Friday night against Wayne State, freshman point guard Lisa Rath led the Lady Mavs with 22 points.

Freshman guard Mary Holmes scored 20 points, junior forward Darcy Burns chipped in 12, and senior forward Laura Larson added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said freshman guard Amanda Nannen also contributed to the win over Wayne State.

"She did a good job outside scoring," Mankenberg said. "She did a better job guarding and she really took care of the ball in the last two minutes."

Despite Nannen's efforts the Lady Mavs scored only three points in the remaining nine minutes.

"We needed to protect the 15 point lead we had at one time, but the quality of playing shifted during the game," Mankenberg said. "We did not do a good job taking care of the ball in the last 10 seconds of the game."

Sophomore guard Marsha Moore agreed UNO could have won by larger margins.

"At times we were patient and stuck to our game plan that we have been practicing," Moore said. "Other times we got into a rush, and I think we could have beaten them by more."

Mankenberg said the Lady Mavs need to improve ball movement.

"We weren't patient, and we need to try to take the ball to the weak side," Mankenberg said. "We need to keep the lead and build on it."

The Lady Mavs continued their winning ways Saturday night against Quincy College.

Larson and Moore each scored 14 points. Larson also racked up 11 rebounds.

UNO slammed the door on Quincy College, Mankenberg said.



—Eric Frances

### In your face

UNO center Phil Cartwright (No. 50) slaps a Dakota Wesleyan player shot into the stands.

"We got a lead and kept on it," she said. "We fought hard to keep our lead."

Defensive pressure caused the game's turning point, Mankenberg said.

"Rath and (Aimee) Noel put good press on the ball and passing," Mankenberg said. "You could actually feel the girls momentum pick up and show through, and I attribute that to the contributions from Rath and Noel."

The Lady Mavs play their next home game against Missouri Western Dec. 9.

## Bison trample Lady Mav hopes

By DAVID JAHR

The North Dakota State volleyball team has spoiled the fun for UNO's spikers all season long.

In October, the Bison snapped a Lady Mav six-game winning streak, giving UNO its first loss in conference play.

Friday night in Fargo, N.D., the same Bison team swept UNO in three games 16-14, 15-3, 15-5, ending UNO Coach Karen Uhler's second season at UNO with a 26-18 record.

With the win, North Dakota State moved up to the second rung of the NCAA Division II playoff ladder.

Uhler said she would have preferred ending the season with a win, but UNO's effort fizzled in the second game.

"You always want to finish with your best performance," Uhler said. "We were evenly matched, and suddenly we got the wind knocked out of us."

The Lady Mavs jumped to a 14-9 lead in the first game. Junior outside-hitter Brenda Baumann said UNO's unforced errors helped North Dakota State stage a comeback.

"We let ourselves down," Baumann said. "We didn't play like we had been playing."

Baumann said after the first-game loss UNO could not get back on track.

"We started out hustling and were let down after the first loss," she said. "Then we never got back up."

Baumann paced the Lady Mavs with six kills. For the season, the junior from York, Neb., holds the school record for kills in a season with 669. She also led UNO in hitting percentage (31 percent) and blocks (41).

Passing execution was another problem in the season-ending loss to the No. 6 ranked team in NCAA Division II, Uhler said.

"We were passing real tight to the net," Uhler said. "It was a real predictable offense."

Uhler said the loss seemed similar with others during the season because UNO let a lead slip away.

"It was typical of all season long," Uhler said. "We didn't close the door."

# "Horse Guru"

## Lyons conquers horses' fear

By GREG KOZOL

"There's something about the outside of a horse that's good for the inside of a man." — Robert Redford.

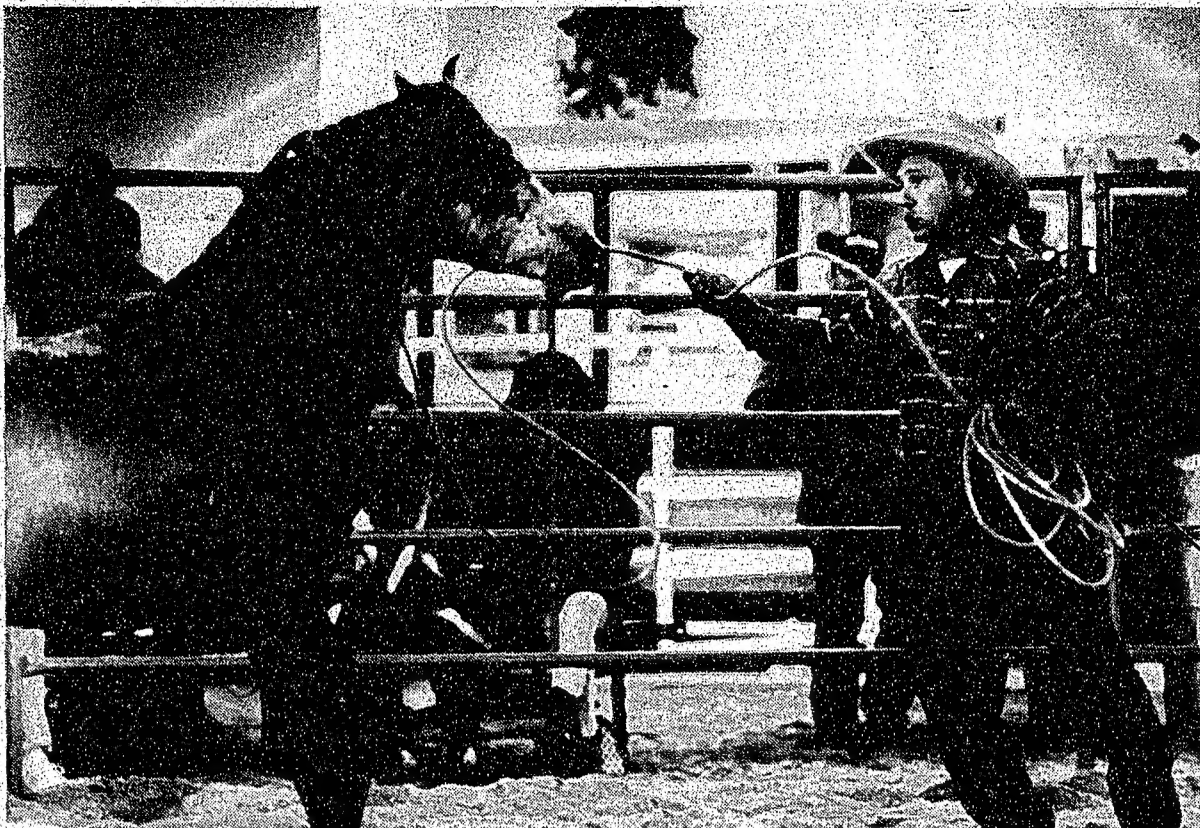
John Lyons startles the dirty brown horse, waving his hands and shouting "Woosh, Woosh, Plaaah," into her face.

The five-year-old Arabian mare lurches back and runs across the pen. Lyons, clutching a rope tied around the horse's neck, is dragged through the sand.

"I'm teaching it to handle that fear," Lyons explains to an estimated 100 people.

Lyons continues to harass the horse. After 45 minutes, the horse responds by simply looking away.

"Kind of fun, isn't it? Pretty easy, huh?" Lyons says while blowing kisses at the horse.



—Eric Frances

Ride 'em cowboy. Horse trainer John Lyons conquering a pony's paranoia.

For Lyons, an interest in horses developed at a young age. "I stole them then," he said.

After graduating from the University of Arizona, Lyons bought a ranch in Parachute, Colo. He has given horse-training seminars for 10 years.

Horses provide Lyons more than gasoline-less transportation on the ranch.

"When I get tense or upset, they're a great relaxing pill. They help alleviate tension. They are better than any drug," he said.

Horses may relieve stress, but they also occupy a lot of spare time.

"Horse people are devoting a lot of free time and money for something they love doing. They give up a tremendous amount of time to take care of an animal. They're the most soft-hearted

group of people you can find. There as bad as dog and cat owners," he said.

Besides a soft heart, some horse trainers can develop a deep pocket.

"I would say I'm real successful at it," Lyons said. "I'm not paid as high as most football players, but I'll get there."

## Alternative

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In three hours, Lyons changes the horse from wild to rideable.

Forten years, Lyons has conducted horse-training seminars across the United States and Australia. Last weekend, he held a seminar at Omaha's Equine Equities, on 15656 Fort St.

Lyons, a 42-year-old Parachute, Colo. resident, was labeled a "Horse Guru" by the *Houston Chronicle*. But he said training horses involves psychology, not mysticism.

"If we can start working on a horse's mind," Lyons said, "we can make their feet go where we want them to go."

Lyons begins by controlling one aspect of an unbroken horse, such as walking backwards. After the horse learns not to walk away from the trainer, Lyons starts to control more complex actions. The responses build up until the horse can be ridden.

This step-by-step approach allows the horse to slowly gain trust in the trainer, Lyons said.

"Horses deal in fear. Fear is a great motivator and plays a great part in our lives," he said.

But training horses involves more than simple tasks. The seminar helps prepare trainers for competition, Lyons said.

"Horses have different athletic ability, just as people do. You have a partnership between horse and rider. It may not be two people, but it's definitely a team event," he said.

In Olympic Equestrian, a horse is trained to jump obstacles. Equestrian demands cooperation between rider and horse, Lyons said.

Horse-training seminars also benefit beginning riders.

Lyons said a basic skill, like riding without holding the reins, comes in handy to beginners.

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The Gateway's parody issue.  
 Coming next Tuesday, Dec. 12.  
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The Gateway Publications Board will meet Saturday, Dec. 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, Student Center 3rd floor. The board will review applications for the positions of editor and ad manager and select students to fill the positions. All Gateway staff members are encouraged to attend.

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